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Re: Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians' Request for Formal Notification of Proposed Projects within the Buena Vista Rancheria's Geographical Area of Traditional and Cultural Affiliation

Dear Dr. Lwenya:

I am writing in response to your correspondence dated April 7, 2016 from Chairwoman Rhonda Morningstar Pope, which the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) received on September 19, 2016, requesting "that all [AB 52] notices be sent via certified U.S. Mail with return receipt."

The Council's primary activity is the implementation of the Delta Plan, a comprehensive, management plan for the Delta. The Plan's 14 regulations are binding on the activities of local and state agencies, but do not have any effect on federal agencies or Tribal nations. The CEQA documents we prepare when amending the Delta Plan are programmatic (rather than project-level) in nature.

We will be sure to send you any programmatic-level negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, or environmental impact reports we prepare via certified U.S. Mail with return receipt. The Council's regular notification process is via email. Your email address is included in our circulation database and you will continue to receive email notifications as well. If programmatic-level negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, or environmental impact reports do not interest you, feel free to let us know and we can keep you on our email database, but refrain from sending you hard copies via certified mail.

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– CA Water Code §85054

We encourage the input of Tribal nations. On a formal basis, we welcome the initiation of a Tribal consultation request. On an informal basis, we encourage your participation by commenting in writing or by attending one of our Council meetings.

Should you choose, we will be happy to meet with you to discuss your comments and suggestions. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Eric Alvarez, the Council's Tribal Liaison, at (916) 445-5383 or eric.alvarez@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bethany Pane", written in a cursive style.

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